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In re Application of :  
DAVIDSON, Beverly L. *et al* :  
Application No.: 10/522,954 :  
PCT No.: PCT/US03/16887 :  
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Attorney's Docket No.: 17023-045US2/03054 :  
For: ALLELE-SPECIFIC siRNA-MEDIATED :  
GENE SILENCING :

**DECISION**

This application is before the Office of PCT Legal Administration for matters arising under 35 U.S.C. 371.

**BACKGROUND**

On 31 January 2005, applicants filed papers to enter the national stage of PCT/US03/16887 using docket number 17023-045US2/03054 which was accompanied by, *inter alia*, a preliminary amendment, fees to enter the national stage and authorization to charge any additional fees or credit any fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1050. This application was given U.S. application number 10/522,954.

On the same day, counsel filed a duplicate national stage application for PCT/US03/16887 using attorney docket number 17023-045US1/03054. The papers included another preliminary amendment and appropriate fees for the claims. This application was given U.S. application number 10/522,935.

**DISCUSSION**

**Two Sets of Papers to Enter National Stage**

As is evident from the above recited facts, two sets of papers to enter the national stage were submitted for international application PCT/US03/16887. The end result for an international application designating the United States of America is a single U.S. national stage application. Therefore, the submission of two sets of national stage papers to enter the United States was improper.

**CONCLUSION**

Both applications will be merged into one national stage application for PCT/US03/16887.

Applicants are advised that U.S. application No. 10/522,935 is no longer a valid U.S. National stage application. Applicants must use only U.S. application No. **10/522,954** for all correspondence to the national stage application of PCT/US03/16887. The attorney docket number is 17023-045US2/03054.

Counsel is advised that only the preliminary amendment filed under docket number 17023-045US2/03054 will be effective in the national stage of PCT/US03/16887. This amendment canceled claims 1-81 and added new claims 82-119.

The preliminary amendment filed under docket number 17023-045US1/03054 will not be considered. Applicants may file a Continuation and preliminary amendment to have these claims considered.

The \$6,250.00 in fees paid in U.S. application No. 10/522,935 have been credited back to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Division of the Office of PCT Operations for continued processing.



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